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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

REF: MOSCOW 17336; STATE 246163

1. WITH REGARD TO LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT PROPOSED  
CONSULTATIONS, ON US SIDE CHIEF OF US DELEGATION TO GENEVA  
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, ACTING LEGAL ADVISER GEORGE H.  
ALDRICH, EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE. FROM DOD WE EXPECT  
PARTICIPATION AT LEVEL OF GENERAL OFFICERS.

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2. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBILITY OF MOVING UP CONSULTATIONS

TWO WEEKS, WE WOULD FIND THIS LESS CONVENIENT THAN PROPOSED DATES OF JANUARY 16 AND 17. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ALDRICH WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY JANUARY 2-3. FYI: AS YOU KNOW FROM STATE 246164, WE HAVE PROPOSED OTHER CONSULTATIONS FOR JANUARY 9 AND 10. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THESE "INNER CORE" WESTERN GROUP CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THE SOVIETS. END FYI.

3. WITH REGARD TO REQUEST FOR "A PIECE OF PAPER" ON US VIEWS, WE REALLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT SOVIETS WOULD LIKE. REQUEST FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS ORIGINATED WITH BLISCHENKO

(ALTHOUGH WE AGREE FULLY THAT THEY WILL BE USEFUL AND IMPORTANT). ON MANY OF THE ISSUES BEFORE THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, WE EXPECT THAT SOVIET AND US INTERESTS WILL BE SIMILAR AND THAT IT WILL BE EASY TO REVIEW POSITIONS TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON WITH VIEW TO COOPERATING TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE WOULD NOT HAVE THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO SEND SOVIETS DETAILED PAPER IN ADVANCE STATING US POSITIONS ON VARIOUS ARTICLES. IN FACT, SOVIET REPS WHO PARTICIPATED IN FIRST SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE SHOULD HAVE GOOD IDEA OF USG VIEWS ON MOST ISSUES. IN ADDITION, USG IS CURRENTLY INITIATING REVIEW OF POSITIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND WE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PRODUCE AN UPDATED PAPER SIGNIFICANTLY IN ADVANCE OF MID-JANUARY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BLISHENKO WILL BE IN BRUSSELS DECEMBER 11 - 15 FOR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF 1874 BRUSSELS DECLARATION ON LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF WAR. BETTAUER OF DEPT (L) WILL BE ATTENDING AND WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS WITH BLISHENKO ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT JANUARY CONSULTATIONS AS WELL AS WHETHER ANY PAPERS SHOULD BE PREPARED AND EXCHANGED IN ADVANCE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS. INGERSOLL

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